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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of ELINT, DD/S&T

SUBJECT: Development and Production of New Avionics Equipment  
for Project IDEALIST

REFERENCE: Memorandum from D/ELINT dated 28 October 1971;  
Subject: Quarterly OEL Assessment of IDEALIST  
Configuration

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1. Your reference memorandum requests our comments concerning the Angle Rate Discriminator and System 21 Multiplex Unit.

2. The decision to proceed with a funding request to the NRO for production of the Angle Rate Discriminator will be made when OSI completes its study of the requirements for this system and the repackaged prototype has been qualified in flight tests. The OSI study should be completed in the near future.

3. The multiplex unit for System 21, while not essential, is desirable to reduce the operational weight of the IDEALIST article. We propose that a final decision to proceed with development and production of this item be made after review of the proposals from the various vendors. This decision would be based upon the net saving in weight due to the installation of the equipment versus the cost of system production and modification of the articles.

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NRO review(s) completed.

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